



Sale Grammar School

YEAR 7 ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2027

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Admission arrangements for students who will be 11 years of age by September 2027 (Date of Birth must be between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016)

The Admission Authority for Sale Grammar School is the
Governing Bod.

The proposed admission number for 2027 is 190.

**ENTRANCE
EXAMINATION DATE:**
Monday 14th September 2026

TRAFFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS CONSORTIUM:

Sale Grammar School is part of the Trafford Grammar Schools GL Consortium and will use test papers in the entrance examination provided by GL.

(Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, Altrincham Grammar School for Girls, Sale Grammar School, Stretford Grammar School and Urmston Grammar are known as The Trafford Grammar Schools GL Consortium).

National Schools Allocation Day 2027

In accordance with the Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements, all parents will be notified of the outcome of their application by their Local Authority on or about 1st March 2027 (National Offer Day). Late applications may not be considered until after 1st March 2027.

Please consult individual websites for further specific information including the admissions policy for each school.

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys Marlborough Road, Bowdon, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 2RS www.agsb.co.uk	Single sex – boys only
Altrincham Grammar School for Girls Cavendish Road, Bowdon, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 2NL www.aggs.bright-futures.co.uk	Single sex – girls only
Sale Grammar School Marsland Road, Sale, Cheshire M33 3NH www.salegrammar.co.uk	Mixed – girls and boys
Stretford Grammar School Granby Road, Stretford, Manchester M32 8JB www.stretfordgrammar.com	Mixed – girls and boys
Urmston Grammar Newton Road, Urmston, Manchester M41 5UG www.urmstongrammar.org.uk	Mixed – girls and boys

Application and Admission Process

Sale Grammar School, Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, Altrincham Grammar School for Girls, Stretford Grammar School and Urmston Grammar use the same entrance examination and consequently your child can only sit **one** examination.

Application for the Entrance Examination

Please enter your child for the entrance examination by completing the online registration form available on the school website.

You only need to register for the examination at one school within the Trafford Consortium, but you must state where you want your child to sit the examination and which schools you wish to receive a total standardised result for. Scores cannot be retrospectively shared between the schools after the standardisation process has taken place.

Applications open at **12 noon on Thursday 23rd April 2026** and close at **12 noon on Friday 19th June 2026**. Late applications cannot be considered for testing and second-round offers until following the 1st March 2027 National School Allocation Day.

Upon receipt of your application to sit the entrance examination the Resource Centre will send you an email confirming that your child has been registered for the examination. This may take up to 3 days to receive.

In the event our examination centre reaches its maximum capacity then ALL spaces will be reallocated by gender and distance, those living closest to the centre will be given priority.

Local Authority Common Application Form (CAF)

You must complete your Local Authority's Common Application Form (CAF) to state your preferred secondary school for entry in September 2026. In Trafford, this must be submitted to them by **31st October 2026**. If you reside outside of Trafford, please check the return date specified by your Local Authority. If you wish your child to be considered for a place at Sale Grammar School, you must ensure that you have **named** Sale Grammar School as a preference when completing your Common Application Form. Further information and guidance will be sent to you by your local authority prior to the deadline for submission.

Guidance on Sitting the Entrance Examination

By **Tuesday 8th September 2026** you should receive by email information about your arrival time and venue, along with a **Special Circumstances Form**.

By **Tuesday 8th September 2026** an Attendance Form will be posted by 1st class to the home address of all applicants. The applicant **must bring the Attendance Form on the day of the examination** complete with photographic ID. Please note that the photograph does **NOT** need to be stamped and verified by the primary school; however, primary schools may be contacted at a later date to verify your child's identity.

Failure to bring this form on the day will result in your child not being able to sit the examination on that day.

You may use the **Special Circumstances Form** to record exceptional circumstances which may have affected your child prior to the examination, or on the day of the examination itself. If you have not received this information by **Tuesday 8th September 2026**, please contact us by calling 0161 973 3217.

The Entrance Examination

The entrance examination consists of two tests, each approximately one hour in length, containing questions that assess verbal, non-verbal and mathematics skills. For each element there will be a range of different types of questions.

Questions that test verbal ability skills may include questions relating to word choice, knowledge of words and their meanings and how words relate to each other; students may also be asked questions that relate to verbal reasoning comprehension skills.

Questions that test non-verbal ability skills may include questions relating to relationships between shapes and sequences of shapes, identification of common features from a set of figures and applying them to a new figure, codes and spatial awareness questions.

Questions that test mathematics skills generally cover content taught in schools up to the start of Year 6. The areas assessed typically include aspects of number, measurement, geometry and statistics. Some questions may involve using current mathematical skills to solve mathematic problems. The examination scores will be standardised according to age.

There will be a short break between the two tests for a toilet break and/or drink/light snack. No refreshments are provided by the school. If your child does have to leave the room because of illness and subsequently goes home, please complete and return the Special Circumstances Form as soon as possible giving full details; we will then contact you.

Examination Results

You will receive your child's total standardised score prior to **31st October 2026**, in time for you to complete your CAF. The qualifying score will be achieved by those candidates who score 334 and above in the examination. Success in the entrance examination will not mean your child automatically receives a place at this School.

Oversubscription Criteria and how places are awarded

Where the number of eligible applicants who qualify for admission to Sale Grammar School in Years 7 to 11 exceed the number of available places in the relevant year group, places will be allocated in the following priority order.

1. Looked After Children and all previously Looked After Children

A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including those who appear [to the admission authority] to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

2. Up to 15 applicants who qualify for Pupil Premium (Places will be allocated in the following order)

I. Applicants who qualify for Pupil Premium residing in the priority admission area as described in category 3. Where the number of applicants qualifying for admission under this criterion exceeds the number of Pupil Premium places available, priority will be given to those applicants residing closer to the school. The distance from home to school is calculated in a direct straight line from the child's permanent place of residence to the school. For the home address the distance will be calculated using property co-ordinates provided from Trafford's Local Land and Property Gazetteer (BS7666) (Royal Mail Postal Address information may be used in some instances). In the case of a child living in a block of flats, co-ordinates will be obtained in the same way. The co-ordinates that will be used for the School are 379064, 391257.

II. Applicants who qualify for Pupil Premium attending a Trafford state funded primary school (see appendix) whose permanent home address lies within the Trafford Local Authority but not within the priority admission area. Places in this category will be allocated by rank score order. Where several applicants qualify for the final Pupil Premium place using ranked scores, priority will be given to the applicant residing closer to the school as measured in a direct straight line from the child's permanent place of residence to the school. For the home address the distance will be calculated using property co-ordinates provided from Trafford's Local Land and Property Gazetteer (BS7666) (Royal Mail Postal Address information may be used in some instances). In the case of a child living in a block of flats, co-ordinates will be obtained in the same way. The co-ordinates that will be used for the School are 379064, 391257.

3. Applicants residing in the priority admission area as defined by postcode M33, plus Trafford Authority residents within the M23, WA14, and WA15 postcodes

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4. Applicants from outside the priority admission area will be placed in rank order as determined by their scores in the selection tests.

Where several applicants qualify for the final available place using ranked scores, priority will be given to the applicant residing closer to the school as measured in a direct straight line from the child's permanent place of residence to the school. For the home address the distance will be calculated using property coordinates provided from Trafford's Local Land and Property Gazetteer (BS7666) (Royal Mail Postal Address information may be used in some instances). In the case of a child living in a block of flats, co-ordinates will be obtained in the same way. The co-ordinates that will be used for the School are 379064, 391257.

Random allocation will be used as a tiebreak to determine the final place where the distance between two applicants' homes and the School is the same and the applicants cannot otherwise be separated. A representative of the applicant will be invited to observe the procedure which would be supervised by a person independent of the school.

Admission of an applicant outside their normal age group

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health.

Parents requesting admission out of the normal age group must put their request in writing, addressed to the Headteacher at the school, together with any supporting evidence that the parent wishes to be taken into account. The governing body will make decisions on requests for admission outside the normal age group on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; any information provided about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. The governing body will also take into account the views of the Headteacher. When informing a parent of their decision on the year group the child should be admitted to, the governing body will set out clearly the reasons for their decision. Parents have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school but it is not in their preferred age group.

What happens after students have qualified and been offered a place?

Following National School Allocation Day (1st March 2027), those who are offered a place here will receive further information relevant to the induction to our school.

Appeals Procedure

If your child is not offered a place, you have the right of appeal. Details will be available on the school website by 28th February 2027.

Waiting List

The school will operate a waiting list for Year 7 admission in September, following the completion of the allocation and appeals process. Qualified applicants will be ranked in accordance with our oversubscription criteria.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are practice papers available?

Practice papers are available on the GL website.

How many questions/sections are there?

There are two papers, each approximately one hour long, containing questions which assess verbal, non-verbal and mathematics skills. The number of questions and theoretical maximum mark information is not released to the school in advance.

How are the three skills combined?

Information regarding examination scripts is confidential. All applicants have access to the familiarisation materials available via our website ensuring fair access to all. Examination content is confidential, to protect the integrity of the examination, and is supplied to school with a confidentiality provision – Sale Grammar School cannot disclose information about the examination.

Do the entrance tests take into account my child's age?

Yes, the results are age standardised.

Can I request a re-mark following the outcome from the entrance examination?

No papers can be manually re-marked as all candidates must be treated equally. The answer sheets are not held by the school, and we do not carry out manual remarks. We are fully confident in the reliability of the process and the accuracy of the scores provided by the service provider.

When will the standardised mark be available?

The examination result will be made available by 31st October 2026, and consists of one standardised result. A breakdown of the examination result will not be available.

Is it possible for my child to pass the entrance examination for one school, but not the other?

Yes. Although the entrance examination will be the same for each school, the standardised results may be different. This is because the examination results are being compared to those of a different cohort of children.

What if my child needs to go to the toilet or leave the room during the exam?

No extra time is given if your child requires the toilet during the examination or needs to leave the room for any other reason. There will be a break between the two tests where your child will be able to use the toilet if required.

What if my child requires special arrangements?

You must inform us at the point of application and **no later than Friday 19th June 2026**, of any access arrangements your child may require during the entrance examination. Please provide supporting documentation for such requests with your application. We may contact your primary school in connection with the request. A panel, consisting of representatives from all five grammar schools, will meet after the closing date for registrations to agree appropriate access arrangements and parents/carers will be notified of the decision as soon as possible following the meeting.

What if my child is ill on the day?

If your child is ill immediately prior to or on the day of the examination, **please do not bring them**. Kindly inform our Admissions Team at admissions@salegrammar.co.uk and an alternative assessment date will be arranged. Please complete the Special Circumstances Form and return for the attention of the Admissions Officer. If you wish to inform us of any other special

circumstances which may have affected your child prior to or on the day of the examination, please also submit a Special Circumstance Form. All forms to be received no later than **12 noon on Thursday 17th September 2026**.

If your child leaves the examination room because of illness and subsequently goes home, and has started one of the test papers, they cannot return on another date and finish that particular paper. We can only let your child sit the paper they have missed. Please complete a Special Circumstances Form and return to us by **12 noon on Thursday 17th September 2026**. All forms will be held in support of a statutory appeal following 1st March 2027.

Do I need to make Sale Grammar School the first preference on the Common Application Form (CAF)?

If Sale Grammar School is your preferred school, you are strongly advised to place us as your first preference when completing your CAF. Should your child meet the admission criteria for more than one of your chosen schools, the Local Authority will allocate your child to the school of highest preference. If Sale Grammar School is not made first preference, your child may not receive the offer of a place even if they pass the entrance examination. For further advice on completing the CAF, please contact your Local Authority.

What is a Looked After Child?

A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority, in the exercise of their social services functions (as defined in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). Previously Looked After Children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians). This category includes children who have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

What is Pupil Premium?

'Pupil Premium' is funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. Schools receive funding for each child registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years.

What is Service Premium?

The Service Premium is designed to support children with parents serving in the regular British armed forces. Pupils attract the premium if they meet the following criteria:

- a) one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces
- b) one of their parents served in the regular armed forces in the last 3 years or one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces
- c) the pupil is in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS)

Please click on the link(s) below for an explanation of Pupil and Service Pupil Premium:

- **Pupil Premium**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium/pupil-premium#eligibility-and-funding>

- **Service Pupil Premium**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-service-pupil-premium/service-pupil-premium-what-you-need-to-know>

If the school is oversubscribed, what are the chances of my child being

offered a place?

This is dependent upon the number of qualified applicants within each group on the oversubscription criteria and the parental preference of those applicants when completing their CAF.

My child was successful in the entrance examination but not offered a place; can they be placed on the waiting list?

Yes, please contact School Admissions at Trafford Local Authority after your allocation letter has been received or the Admissions Officer at Sale Grammar School:
admissions@salegrammar.co.uk

Please note – your child will not be automatically included on the waiting list.

This document must be read in conjunction with our Admissions Policy 2027 which is available on the school website.

For further enquiries, please contact the Admissions Officer by email:

admissions@salegrammar.co.uk